

criminal justice system by establishing March as “National Criminal Justice Month”, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 96; and **Pages H2940–42, H2947–48**

Extending certain immigration programs: H.R. 1127, to extend certain immigration programs.

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Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Supporting the goals and ideals of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week: H. Con. Res. 14, to support the goals and ideals of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week.

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Presidential Messages: Read a message from the President certifying that export of certain items to the People’s Republic of China is not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Rept. 111–21) and

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Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the continuation beyond March 6, 2009 of the national emergency with respect to the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Zimbabwe and other persons to undermine Zimbabwe’s democratic processes or institutions referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Rept. 111–22). **Page H2957**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2946, H2946–47, H2947–48. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Place of NOAA Science in the Overall Science Enterprise. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Energy: Project Management Oversight. Testimony was heard from a public witness.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hearing on EPA Oversight. Testimony was heard from John Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and Bill A. Roderick, Acting Inspector General, EPA.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1256: Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act; H.R. 1259, Dextromethorphan Distribution Act of 2009; H.R. 1246, Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Act of 2009; H.R. 1253, Health Insurance Restrictions and Limitations Clarification Act of 2009; H.R. 20, as amended, Melanie Blocker Stokes Mom’s Opportunity to Access Health Education, Research, and Support for Postpartum Depression Act; H.R. 479, as amended, Wakefield Act; H.R. 577, as amended, Vision Care for Kids Act of 2009; H.R. 756, National Pain Care Policy Act of 2009; H.R. 914, Physician Workforce Enhancement Act of 2009; and H.R. 307, Christopher and Dana Reeve Paralysis Act.

TARP OVERSIGHT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “TARP Oversight: Is TARP Working for Main Street?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IMMIGRATION IMMIGRANT LAW

Committee on Homeland Security: Held hearing entitled “Examining 287(g): The Role of State and Local Law Enforcement in Immigration Law.” Testimony was heard from William Riley, Acting Chairman, Office of State and Local Coordination, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; Richard Stana, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; from the following officials of the State of Maryland: Chief J. Thomas Manger, Montgomery County Police Department; Sheriff Chuck Jenkins, Fairfax County and a public witness.

AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN: UNDERSTANDING A COMPLEX THREAT ENVIRONMENT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a hearing on Afghanistan and Pakistan: Understanding a Complex Threat Environment. Testimony

was heard from Paul R. Pillar, former National Intelligence Officer for the Near East and South Asia; and public witnesses.

HELPING FAMILIES SAVE THEIR HOMES ACT OF 2009

Committee on Rules: Committee granted, by non-record vote, a rule providing for further consideration of H.R. 1106, Helping Families Save Their Homes Act of 2009. The rule provides that amendment number 1 printed in House report 111–21 to be offered by Representative John Conyers or his designee shall be perfected by the modification printed in the report of the Committee on Rules.

21st CENTURY WATER PLANNING

Committee on Science and Technology: Held a hearing on 21st Century Water Planning: the Importance of a Coordinated Federal Approach. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CURRENT ECONOMY—STATE OF RENEWABLE FUELS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “The State of the Renewable Fuels Industry in the Current Economy.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

WATER QUALITY INVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment approved for full Committee action H.R. 1262 “Water Quality Investment Act of 2009.”

VA LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 147, To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow taxpayers to designate a portion of their income tax payment to provide assistance to homeless veterans; H.R. 228, To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a scholarship program for students seeking a degree or certificate in the areas of visual impairment and orientation and mobility; H.R. 297, Veterans Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Subsistence Allowance Improvement Act of 2009; H.R. 466, Wounded Veteran Job Security Act; H.R. 929, To amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a program of training to provide eligible veterans with skills relevant to the job market; H.R. 942, Veterans Self-Employment Act of 2009; H.R. 950, To amend chapter 33 of title 38, United States Code, to increase educational assistance for certain veterans pursuing a program of education offered through distance learn-

ing; H.R. 1088, Mandatory Veterans Specialist Training Act of 2009; H.R. 1089, Veterans Employment Rights Realignment Act of 2009; and other draft legislation. Testimony was heard from Representatives Doggett, Israel, Welch, and Alexander; Keith M. Wilson, Director, Office of Education Service, Department of Veterans Affairs; Patrick H. Boulay, Chief, USERRA Unit, U.S. Office of Special Counsel; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2010 BUDGET OVERVIEW

Committee on Ways and Means: Concluded hearings on the President's Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Overview. Testimony was heard from Pete R. Orszag, Director, OMB.

PREPARING FOR COPENHAGEN: HOW DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE

Select Committee on Energy Independence: Held a hearing entitled “Preparing for Copenhagen: How Developing Countries Are Fighting Climate Change.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine American International Group, focusing on government intervention and implications for future regulation, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine draft legislative proposals on energy research and development, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine United States strategy regarding Iran, 10:30 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine transparency and accountability for recovery and reinvestment spending, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine how the Obama Administration can achieve an accurate and cost-effective 2010 census, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 386, to improve enforcement of mortgage fraud, securities fraud, financial institution fraud, and other frauds related to federal assistance and relief programs, for the recovery of funds lost to these frauds, S. 49, to help Federal prosecutors and investigators combat public corruption by strengthening and clarifying the law, S. 146, to amend the Federal antitrust laws to provide expanded